IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A composition to be used in a process for electroplating surfaces with tin, said composition comprising the following components (*g/l*):

-	Tin (in a form of tin sulfamate)	50–90
-	Sulfamic acid, free	40–100
-	Sulfates, in a form of SO_4^{2-}	0–15
-	Nitrogen-bearing block copolymer of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide	1–6

said copolymer having molecular weight of 3950 to 6450 and "number of ethylene oxide links-to-number of propylene oxide links" ratio of 1.4–1.2:1.0 at initial buildup of required number of links from propylene oxide followed by oxyethylation.

2. (original) Composition according to claim 1 having a pH of 0.6 to 1.1.

3. (currently amended) Method for electrotinning a surface in form of a steel strip or plate ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a tinning composition according to claims 1 or 2 is used.

4. (original) Method according to claim 3 performed in continuous electrotinning lines with strip conveying speed of 2 to 11 *m/s*.

5. (original) Method according to claim 3 performed at temperatures of 20 to 70°C.

6. (original) Method according to claim 3 performed at current densities of 5 to 70 A/dm^2.

7. (original) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate is subjected to a pre-treatment of degreasing and pickling.

8. (original) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plated is subjected to a post-treatment of reflowing, passivation and oiling of tin coating.

9. (currently amended) Strip or plate electrotinned according to the method of claim 3 with a tin coating weight of 3.65 g/m^2, said strip or plate ~~being characterized by~~ having a relative porosity of about 0.06%.